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SHIPPING.

WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract with Government, will despatch the S.S. GOA, 1,905 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander J. Avery, on SATURDAY, the 7th October 1876, at 4 P.M., calling at Rutnagherry, Vingorla, Goa, Carwar, Mangalore, Cannanore, Tellicherry, Calicut, Beypore, Cochin, Alleppey, Tuticorin, Colombo, Galle, Negapatam, Madras, Coconada, Vizagapatam, Bimlipatam, Calingapatam, Gopalpore, False Point, and at any other place where inducement offers.

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked to tuigilby by the steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Steamers of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes de la France which run regularly.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, via KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company or other Steamers.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch the S.S. EUPHRATES, 803 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander N. R. Sayers, on FRIDAY, the 6th October, 1876, at 4 P.M., to the PERSIAN GULF, touching at KURRACHEE, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, BUSHEE, and occasionally at BAHREIN, and MAHOMERAH.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

BI-WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will, during the Fair Season, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY, at 4 P.M., and an Extra Steamer on every MONDAY, at 2 P.M.

The S.S. EUPHRATES, 803 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander N. R. Sayers, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 6th October 1876 at 4 P.M.

The S.S. VINGORLA, 577 Tons, 130 H.P., Commander J. C. Shaw, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 9th October at 2 P.M., calling at Verawul, Fore Bunder and Cutch Mandvie.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co. Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA, and BOMBAY on the 24th, of each month on the 1st

PASSENGERS' RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	£22	£15	£4	Intermediate Ports.
Suez	26	22	8	
Port Said	28	24	9	
Messina	50	34	14	
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles	52	35	14-10	

Children under 3 years—free of charge. Children not above 10 years—half fare.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY:—

ASSIRIA, to sail on SUNDAY, 15th October.
BATAVIA (to sail on WEDNESDAY, 1st November 1876.
AUSTRALIA to sail on FRIDAY, 1st December 1876.
SUMATRA to sail on MONDAY, 1st January 1877.

All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second class accommodation; and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day of two previous to sailing

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c. apply to

C. GRONDONA,
Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,
No. 9, Hummum Street.

Bombay, July 1876.

HOTELS.

MALABAR HOTEL,
BREACH CANDY, BOMBAY.

ADJACENT to the Sea and Swimming Baths. Half hour's drive from the Fort.

Situation the most healthy and beautiful and the accommodation superior to any other Hotel in Bombay.

TERMS—Rs. 5 PER DAY (NO EXTRAS.)

Special arrangements for lengthened periods.

W. H. SARGENT, Proprietor

THE CHOWK HOTEL,
MATHERAN.

THIS well known HOTEL IS NOW OPEN for Visitors.

JEWANJEE & Co.

ALEXANDRA HOTEL AND PINTO'S HOTEL MATHERAN.

MR. J. C. PINTO, the Proprietor of the both Hotels, begs to inform the Public that the above Hotels are now OPEN to VISITOR. There are seven separate Bungalows attached to the Hotels well adapted for Families, for whose comfort every care is taken. The Hotels are well situated, occupy a central position and are, therefore, very conveniently placed within the reach of several POINTS. They are also near to the Station and in a breezy locality under the shade of large trees, which diminish the glare and keep the extensive compound always fresh and cool. Mr. Pinto undertakes to look after Bungalows on the Hill at a charge of Rs. 30 per annum.

THE BLOOD PURIFIER.

NO one residing in warm climates should ever be without Old Dr. JACOB TOWNSEND'S SARSAPARILLA, which acts like a charm in curing al Liver, Kidney, and Bilious complaints, and in strengthening the system so as to enable every one to withstand all attacks of Fever, Cholera, and other diseases. Recommended and used by the Faculty. Also the Old Dr.'s Family Pills. Are the most popular medicine known for all bilious affections, liver and stomach complaints, and indigestion, as proved by thousands.—Wholesale Agents, Messrs. Bathgate and Co., for Bengal and Calcutta; Messrs. Berry and Co., Vepery, Madras. Chief Depôt, 131, Fleet Street, London.

S. D'ESPERANCE,
COPPER-PLATE ENGRAVER & PRINTER.

BRASS STAMPS, OFFICIAL SEALS
STEEL DIES WITH CRESTS,
ARMORIAL BEARINGS, MONOGRAMS, &c., &c.
ENGRAVED and EMBOSSED in COLOURS, Neatly and with Dispatch.

Bombay:—35, MEADOW STREET, FORT;

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other first-class Vessels will be despatched for EUROPE:—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	Oct., 1876.
BOKHARA	2 932	450	...W.D.Anderson	9th—Southampton.
AVOCA	1,482	280	...E. G. Stead	16th —Suez, &c.
HYDASPES	2,984	450	...D Reynold on	23rd—Southampton.
THIBET	2,593	400	...C. H. Eastley	30th—Suez, &c.
				Nov. 1876.
MALWA	2,933	450	...P. S. Tomlin	6th—Southampton

Passengers are booked to Malta, Gibraltar and Southampton by every Mail. The Southampton Steamers proceed to that port direct; but by the alternate Steamers Passengers change Vessels at Suez.

Passengers to Brindisi, Ancona, and Venice are carried by every Steamer, but proceed by rail from Suez to Alexandria.

Heavy Baggage must be sent to Mazagon, on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and shelled previous to shipment.

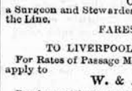
A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M. precisely, on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 25th Sept. 1876.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On TUESDAY, the 3rd Oct. 1876, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.



THE P. and O. Co.'s S.S. LOMBARDY, Captain W. B. Hall, (2,723 Tons and 450 H.P.), will be despatched as above, carrying Mails and taking also passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before noon, on SATURDAY, the 30th September 1876.

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Bombay, 18th Sept. 1876. Superintendent.

ANCHOR LINE—INDIAN SERVICE.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE following or other First Class Steamers of the ANCHOR LINE will sail from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL to PORT SAID, SUEZ, and BOMBAY, and from BOMBAY to SUEZ, PORT SAID, GIBRALTAR, and LIVERPOOL:—

	Tons	H.P.	From Glasgow.	From Liverpool.	From Bombay.
INDIA	2289	500	.....	.....	21st Oct.
MACEDONIA	2292	816	.....	7th Oct.	18th Nov.
TRINACRIA	2107	424	23th Oct.	1st Nov.	13th Dec.

And regularly thereafter, further sailings being arranged according to the requirements of the trade.

All the Steamers of this Line carry a SURGEON and a STEWARDESS, and have superior First-class accommodation, fitted with every convenience.

Passengers and Cargo booked through to New York in connection with the Anchor Line Trans-Atlantic Service.

FARES FROM BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.

FIRST CLASS	Rs. 500

A reduction of 15 per cent. will be given on Return Passages to all who re-embark by Anchor Line Steamers within twelve months of time of landing.

For Passage, Freight, &c., apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

N.B.—If sufficient inducement offers the Steamers of this Line will make Naples a regular port of call.

HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.
CITY OF BALTIMORE

will Sail for Liverpool on the 11th Oct.

THIS Steamer has now made four Voyages to Bombay.

The 1st in 24 days, including all stoppages.
The 2nd „ 25 „ „ „
The 3rd „ 25 „ „ „
The 4th „ 24 „ „ „

She has lately been fitted with accommodation for Passengers, and her Cabins being on Deck, are well Ventilated. The arrangements and furnishings of the Cabins have been made with the special object of suiting the convenience of Indian Passengers.

For passage, &c., apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 27th September 1876.

HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.

(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)

The following fine powerful Steamers will sail from Bombay as under:—

S. S. CITY OF BALTIMORE on the 11th October.
„ TRENTHAM HALL at the end of October.
„ BRANKSOME HALL to follow.

THESE Steamers have been especially built for the Bombay Trade, and have already become known for their speed. The Saloon and Cabins are handsomely got up, and a Surgeon and Stewardess are carried by all the Steamers of the Line.

FARES FROM BOMBAY.

	First Class.
TO LIVERPOOL	Rs. 500

For Rates of Passage Money and for any further particulars apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 30th September 1876.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

On THURSDAY the 5th instant, Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will hold their Usual Weekly Auction Sale at their rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece goods, twist, &c., &c.

Few pots, of navy biscuits.
6 cases bed tickings.
15 bales grey shirtings, 6 lbs.
25 drums pr nting ink.
On account and at the risk of Morarjee Premjee—
F & Co—25-33—9 bales grey shirtings, 39 inch 7 lbs.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 3rd October 1876.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.
AUCTION SALE OF OFFICE FURNITURE, &c.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, the 4th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their sale room by or or of the Albert Mills Company Limited, and on account and risk of Allarukia shivjee, a quantity of Office Furniture, &c., &c., consisting of blackwood round table, teakwood writing tables, chairs, caned veranda or office benches with cushions, open worked sofas, pictures, sepoy benches, rafters, bamboos, ventilators, &c., &c.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 3rd October 1876.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY.
2, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

SALE of the surplus Stock-in-trade of Mr. Dewjee Canjee Furniture Warehouseman at No. 7, Khulasi Chuckla or Furniture Bazaar, without the Fort.

ON THURSDAY, the 5th October, sale commencing at 1 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at No. 7, Khulasi Chuckla the surplus stock in-trade of Mr. Dewjee Canjee changing his place of business, the same comprises glassware, dinner, dessert, and breakfast services, tea and coffee services, salver, cruet stand, ice pitcher and carved blackwood household furniture such as sofas, dining, sewing cheval glasses, single and double wardrobes, washing and dressing tables, conversation and sofa couches, low pridieu easy and reclining chairs, teapoys, sidetables, chests of drawers, chiffoniers, press-cupboards, wardrobes, mahogany dressing and cheval glasses, single and double screens, chiffoniers, single and 3 light hanging argand lustres, iron and brass four posts bed stead, bedroom and dining room chairs, perambulators, musical boxes, drawing room carpets, carriage lamps, fire proof safes, hanging dressing glasses, &c., &c.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and handsome English mahogany carved blackwood and gilt household furniture, rich cut glass, best plated and porcelainwares, best plated 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 light hanging argand lustres, 5 and 6 light chandeliers, table and tall argand lamps, handsome hall lamps, candelabras, best porcelain sugar jars on gilt stand, large size mirrors in gilt frames, a mahogany grand tricord piano by John Broadwood and Son, one slate and one board billiard table, Brussels and velvet pile carpets, etc., at Nos. 3 and 4 Marine Street, Fort.

On SATURDAY, next, the 7th October, sale commencing at 1 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the top floor on their rooms, Nos. 3 and 4 Marine Street, Fort, the very valuable and handsome household furniture, of which full particulars will be given hereafter.

Catalogues will be published and the furniture will be on view 4 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and costly handsome English mahogany walnutwood, gilt and carved blackwood household furniture, very superior 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 light hanging argand lustres by Tucker, 8 and 12 light chandeliers wall argand lamps by Tucker, 2 and 3 light wall brackets, a lendid pier glasses in gilt frames, rich Brussels and velvet pile carpets, rich cut glassware, best electroplated and porcelainwares, table ornaments, first class carriages &c., at No. 11, Grand Road, opposite the Theatre Royal.

On WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of October, sale commencing at 1 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co, are instructed to sell by public auction at No. 11, Grant Road, the very valuable and costly household furniture and carriages, of which full particulars will appear hereafter.

Catalogues will be printed and the furniture will be no view 4 days before the day of sale.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 3rd October 1876.

THOMAS D. MARSHALL & BURT'S
BOOTS,
POST FREE FROM LONDON TO INDIA.
GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS.

Calf Elastic Walking Boots Patent Elastic Dress Boots Parade Elastic Boots, patent or Calf	Superior in style and excellent in quality.	Finest quality we can produce.
Balmoral Boots	25s.	35s.
Button Boots		

CATALOGUES POST FREE ON APPLICATION.

LADIES' WALKING BOOTS
Elastic or to Button.

Excellent quality much approved	18s. 6d.
Very superior	21s. 0d.
Finest possible quality	25s. 0d.
Satinette, or Mock Kid Elastic House Boots	5s. 6d. and 7s. 6d.
Do. do. with French heels	7s. 0d. and 9s. 0d.
Grey Linen Slippers	3s. 0d.

Every order *accompanied by remittance for the price net*, will be sent POST PAID, and if possible despatched by the first mail after its receipt.

A worn boot or shoe is the best possible guide for the size, and the next best is a paper pattern of the sole of a boot that fits. Pattern boots should be marked with name of sender, and sent separately from letter and remittance.

Remittances may be made in Government of India notes at the rate of 1s. 11d. per Rupee.

THOMAS D. MARSHALL & BURT,
192, OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GRANT ROAD THEATRE.
WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.
STAR COMPNAY.

The performance will commence with the charming Comedietta,

CUT OFF WITH A SHILLING;

And conclude with the Original Burlesque by Conway Edwardes,

LINDA DI CHAMOUNI.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Dress Circle, Rs. 3; Stalls, Rs. 2; Gallery, Re. 1.
PIT, EIGHT ANNAS.

Seats can be secured at Messrs. SOUNDY & Co.
Doors open at 8-30. Performance to commence at 9.

BASS'S BEER.
BOTTLED BY STONE.

Quarts per doz. Cash ... Rs. 6-8
Pints do. do. ... „ 4-6

TREACHER & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified that the Undersigned did, on the 2nd instant, PAY to HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY in Bombay the sum of Rupees 16,000, being the 87th Monthly Instalment of the FIRST FIFTEEN LAC LOAN, with interest, the sum of Rupees 14,600, being the 87th Monthly Instalment of the VEHAR WATER WORKS DEBT, and also Rupees 9,346, being the 57th instalment on account of the new Loan of RUPEES FIFTEEN LACS, and also Rupees 2,624, being the 21st instalment on account of TULSEE LOAN of FOUR LACS, aggregating Rupees 42,564.

W. G. PEDDER,
Municipal Commissioner.

Municipal Commissioner's Office, Bombay, 2nd October 1876.

THE POSITIVE
GOVERNMENT SECURITY
LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, Limited.

Capital.
£500,000, with power to increase.
HEAD OFFICE,
34, Cannon Street, London.

The last Meeting of Shareholders in London on the 8th August was most satisfactory, as also was the Report of the Committee of Investigation and the Directors' Report.

From subscribed capital there remains in hand untouched a remunerative sum of £118,215. Of this over £72,000 is invested in Consols, Indian Security, &c.

On the 31st December last the liability existing upon claims, present or future, was, according to Dr. Farr, £83,236 15-1. To meet this liability the sum in hand, from premiums invested in Consols or Indian Government Security, was £90,725 and in addition to this EXISTING FUND there was the Guarantee of £47,349 reserved from the subscribed capital, and invested in the Trustees' names in Consols.

ASSURANCES EFFECTED
IN FIVE DIFFERENT FORMS.

WHOLE LIFE POLICIES
With payment of Premiums ceasing, at the option of the Assured,
After 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 years.

WHOLE LIFE POLICIES
With Premiums payable during continuance of Life.

POLICIES FOR JOINT LIVES,
Payable at decease of the First which shall fail of Two Lives.

POLICIES FOR SHORT TERMS.
Of from 1 to 10 years.

ENDOWMENT POLICIES.
Payable at 50, 55, 60, or 65 years of age, or earlier in the event of death.

OPINIONS OF THE LONDON PRESS.

The *Times*:—"Contrasting this Plan of Life Insurance with that heretofore in operation, it will be found that Insurers enjoy *privileges of a most valuable character; and the public will do well to look into the principles of the new system now in operation, which offers perfect security and also protects their rights and interests.*"

The *Post Magazine*:—"We have from time to time expressed our approval of the principles upon which the *Positive* Company has been founded, and that the public has coincided in that approval the report very clearly indicates.

"Life Assurance is a very profitable business, and an office which furnishes the best known security, and at the same time give the best terms, will ultimately command the largest business. The *Positive*, therefore, whilst foregoing the dishonest profits arising from forfeitures, expects to receive the certain reward of fair dealing—numerous and extensive transactions."

The *Globe*:—"At all events, under the plan of the 'Positive Company,' the assured need feel no apprehension for the security of the principal sum they have provided for their families, or for the loss of the Premiums already paid if they are unable to continue their payments."

EXPLANATION
OF
THE POSITIVE PLAN.

POSITIVE LIFE ASSURANCE is an entirely new system which confers several highly important advantages on the Assured, never before presented to the public.

The word "Positive" is employed, because it definitely expresses the object now accomplished, namely, that of giving the Assured a "positive" negotiable property, resting on Government security, for every premium paid.

According to general custom, every premium paid on a life-policy is a "payment" to the office. In most cases it is non-returnable, except the Assured should die whilst the policy is in force.

This defect in Life Assurance is remedied by the Positive system, under which 40 per cent. of every premium paid is a "deposit" belonging to the Assured, in the same way as a deposit in a bank, withdrawable at the option of the depositor. Such deposit is represented by a Positive Note, free from all conditions, entitling "the bearer" to the sum assured at death, or to withdraw the deposit three days after presentation. This simple arrangement entirely changes the position of the Assured with the office because he never loses cost of over his money: full value for which he must receive in some way or other. For although he can only withdraw 40 per cent. of his premium payments, he gets full value for the other 60 per cent. by being assured.

Placing the power of withdrawing 40 per cent. of all premiums paid in the hands of the Assured, enables them to test the solvency of the Company at any time, in the same manner the depositors in a doubtful bank usually resort to, namely, by taking out their cash; whereas in ordinary Life Assurance Companies, the Assured possesses no such power, hence the dissatisfaction with Life Assurance and the slow progress it makes with the public.

Under the Positive system, this power of redeeming its assurance engagements is always possessed, resulting from investing the whole of the net premiums in Government Securities, besides a nominal fifth of the paid-up Capital in special trust, for the sole purpose of providing for them, and for no other purpose.

The Trust is regulated by a deed, under power contained in the Company's Memorandum of Association, and the Trust Funds cannot be made liable, except for assurance engagements, under any circumstances, whatever.

Under all contingencies, the Assured in "The Positive" exercises independent control over the office—he can at any time retire from it without loss—his position is defined at the time he pays his first premium—and nothing can occur to deprive him of any benefit he purchases.

The usual restrictions respecting travelling, foreign residence, paying probate, or leaving Army and all other conditions, are abolished, consequently, Life Assurance is stripped of all those uncertainties and conditions which have hitherto been connected with it.

The lives of the Upper Class of Natives assured at special rates which can be had on application.

To save misapprehension on a point on which there is always some doubt, on the demise of the Assured the amount assured is paid to the heirs, assigns and 3 months afterwards without demur.

All Forms, Prospectuses, also last year's Report, can be had on application to

ALFRED L. GILLAM, Agent.

Bombay Office, 4, Hornby Row.

FIRE INSURANCE.

	Exclusive of Reserve Fund.
THE LONDON AND LANCASHIRE FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	Rs. 10,000,000
THE TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE Co., (and re-insurance.) CAPITAL	„ 9,000,000
THE BATAVIA FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	„ 3,000,000
THE SAMARANG FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	„ 2,000,000
BERLIN-COLOGNE FIRE INSURANCE Joint Stock Company in Berlin	

MARINE INSURANCE.

THE SWISS LLOYD MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	Rs. 2,000,000
THE RHINISH WESTPHALIAN LLOYD MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	„ 3,000,000
THE SAMARANG MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	„ 2,000,000
THE BATAVIA MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	„ 3,000,000
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For FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE in the above Companies apply to the UNDERSIGNED, who can offer ALL FACILITIES and MOST FAVOURABLE TERMS. ALL CLAIMS PROMPTLY SETTLED IN BOMBAY. Rates and other particulars can be obtained on application.

VOLKART BROTHERS, Agents.

TREACHER & COMPANY, LIMITED,
BOMBAY AND POONA,
JEWELLERS, &c.

BY APPOINTMENT.

THIS Department of the Company's extensive business receives special care and attention from the management, who confine their dealings to the FIRST CLASS LONDON MANUFACTURE AND QUALITY ONLY, for which the Company have been so long and so favourably known.

By the careful selection of novelties characterised by elegance, neatness, and taste, they trust to confirm and extend the large connection with which they have been favoured during the past FIFTY YEARS.

The wide and varied nature of the Company's business, combined with a large capital, enables the management to offer an extent of selection at prices which no House CONFINING THEIR TRANSACTIONS TO THIS DEPARTMENT can compete with.

BRACELETS,
Worked Gold, or set with Jewels, in a variety of elegant designs, Rs. 60, 70, 75, 85, 100 to 1,000.

BROOCHES,
Worked Gold or Jewelled, with and without Pendants, from Rs. 30, 50, 55, 70, 80, 90, 100 to 300.

EARRINGS,
Plain Gold, or elegantly Worked and Jewelled, Rs. 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 to 300.

SUITES OF BRACELET, BROOCH, AND EARRINGS;
Worked Gold or Jewelled,
Rs. 120 to 650.

DEMI-SUITES OF BROOCH AND EARRINGS;
Rs. 60 to 500.

LOCKETS,
Plain Gold, or Jewelled;
Of the best London manufacture, in the newest designs, each at Rs. 22, 25, 27, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 90, 100, 120, 125, 130, 140, 160, 170, 180 and 200.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company on THURSDAY, the 19th day of October 1876 at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

1st. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet made up to the year ending 30th June 1876.
2nd. To declare a Dividend.
3rd. To elect Directors.
4th. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Shares of this Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to 19th day of October 1876 (both days inclusive.)

By Order of the Board of Directors,
NUR-EY KESSOWJEE,
Secretary, Treasurer and Agent.

Bombay, 30th September 1876.

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BOMBAY CHESS CLUB.—An

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

MONDAY EVENING, 2ND OCT. 1876.

As usual on Monday, we have no fresh home telegrams to notice, and attention having been occupied with the outgoing mail, there has been little new business done.

The Bank of Bombay return for the week ending on Saturday shows the following changes :—

Government Balance at H. O.	.....	Inc. Rs.	4,13,570
Do. do.	Branches...	Inc. ,,	57,477
Deposits	.....	Dec. ,,	9,80,453
Government Securities	.....	Dec. ,,	21,353
Loans	.....	Dec. ,,	1,03,207
Bills Discounted	.....	Inc. ,,	1,58,139
Cash with Correspondents	.....	Dec. ,,	2,23,959
Cash and Currency Notes	.....	Dec. ,,	3,99,166

These alterations are too insignificant in amount to have any effect on the general market, and in all probability money will remain in its present quiet state until the export season re-opens with greater activity. Outside the rate for Loans secured by Government Paper is 3 per cent and the Bank of Bombay is believed to be open for business at the same rate although the nominal minimum is still 5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE has been very quiet to-day with if anything an easier tendency. Bank Paper is still obtainable at Saturday's figures, but business has been done in Private Bills on somewhat better terms. For the next few days we are not likely to see much doing, pending news as to the weekly biddings for Council drafts on Wednesday, but the present appearance of the market is decidedly weak both here and in Calcutta. We quote :—

Bank Bills on demand	.....1s. 8d.	per Rupee
Do 6 months' sight	...1s. 8d.	,,
Credits 3	,, ...1s. 8 1-d. to 5/16d.	,,
Documents 3	,, ...1s. 8 5/16d.	,,

On Calcutta we have not heard of any actual transactions and rates are accordingly nominally unchanged, and the same remark applies to GOVERNMENT PAPER for which there are no buyers of any amount.

THE SHARE MARKET is quiet but fairly steady. Transactions have been almost entirely confined to Spinning and Weaving shares and even in these values are not materially altered.

COTTON is dull and buyers show a disposition to accept slightly easier prices, but there are still very few export buyers and the purchases to-day have been restricted to some small lots of Wudwan and Verrumgaum. Telegrams from the Dharwar districts still speak of "no rain," and the crop there seems likely to have but a poor chance.

FREIGHTS are unaltered in every way. For steamers to Liverpool we still quote £1-10 for Wheat and £1-13-9 for Cotton, at which small engagements are made from day to day, but there is very little cargo available. For March-April loading there is a fair enquiry for iron sailing ships at £2-5 for U. K. and £2-7-6 Continent nett, but owners, as a rule, hold out for higher figures. Up to the end of the year requirements seem pretty well anticipated.

PIECE GOODS continue quiet at previous prices. In the Bazaar a moderate business is passing, but dealers seem inclined to reduce their present stocks before buying to any extent either on the spot or to arrive.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Number of Shares	Nomnl. Value p. sh.	Paid up.	Last Dividend	Banks.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	5p.ct	Agra Bank	110
40,000	500	all	10 do.	Bank of Bengal	710
80,000	500	all	10 p.ct	Bank of Bombay	712½
10,000	500	all	8 do.	Bank of Madras	620
30,000	250	all	8 p.ct	Chartered Mercantile Bank of L. I. & China	300
40,000	(125	all	8p.ct	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	335
40,000	80	all	5 p.ct	Chartered Bank of India and China	175
			do.		
37,220	250	12½	6 do.	National Bank of India	107 xd.
60,000	250	all	11 do.	Oriental Bank	690

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

75*	1,250	all	50 p.ct	Alexandra S. & W. Co	1,215
250	1,000	1,000	16 p.c.	Alfred Mills Co	1,105
5*	2,500	all	10*	Alliance Spinning	2,460 xd.
30,000	100	80	...	Anglo-Indian S. & M. Co	70
3*	2,000	all	...	Bhowanigur M. & P. Co.	1,775
930	1,000	all	65 p.a	Bombay United	1,145 xd.
1,800	125	all	11 p.a	Broach Mills	140
20*	1,000	all	...	Colaba S. & W. Co.	1,050
1,000	1,000	all	...	Coorla S. & W. Co.	1,080
2,500	500	450	...	Central India S. & W. Co.	960
3,0*	2,000	all	...	Churumsey Spinning	1,175
1,50*	1,25	all	50 p.c	Fleming S. & W. Co	1,220
1,40*	1,000	all	50 p.c	Great Eastern	1,130
2,000	80	all	...	Bombay Hemp & Jute Mill Co	275
87*	1,000	all	10 p.c	Hindustan S. & W. Co.	1,180
730	1,000	750	...	Hyderad S. & W. Co.	650
7*	1,0*	all	40 p.c	Jewraj Balloo Mills	1,090
750	1 0	all	50 p.c	Khandesh Spinning	1,050
1,00*	1,000	all	...	K. Mucunjee S. & W.Co.	920
80*	1,25*	all	Nil	Madras Spinning	1,160
425	1000	all	7 p.c	Madras U. Spinning	1,160
30,000	80	25	...	Manchester & Bombay S. & W. Co	25
			...	Mandvie S. & W. Co.	410
1,200	500	all	10 p.c	Manockji Petit's	1,275 xd.
2,50*	1,000	all	50 p.c	Morarjee Spinning	1,285
1,43	1,000	all	...	Mazagon S. & W. Co.	325
8,000	5,000	...	...	National S. & W. Co. of India	925
930	1,000	all	...	Neriad S. & W. Co.	910
140	1,000	all	...	Nusseree S. & W. Co.	405
1,50	650	all	...	Oriental	800
1,0*	625	all	80 p.c	Prince of Wales Spinning	1,210
63*	1,250	all	...	Sassoon S. W. Co.	990
1,5*	1,000	all	50 p.c	Soonderdas Spinning	975 xd.
1,650	1,000	250	12 p.c	Do. do 1/4 share.	300
500	1,000	all	...	Sholapore S. & W. Co.	990
80	1,000	all	...	Victoria Mill	700

* Per share for the half-year.

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

£20	8*0	p. c.		G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	275
£20	108-14-0	do.		Do. New £20 Shares	126
£20	6*-7-0	do.		Ditto	74
£20	21*13-1	do.		Ditto	32
100	1,000	do.		B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,100
418	196*-15	do.		Do. New Shares	325

LAND COMPANIES.

3,948	* 000	all	25	Colaba Land Co. (New)	1,145
7,80*	100	all	...	FrereLand & Pier Co. Ld	100
1,75*	,000	1,000	20 p.a.	Mazagon Land	460
6,00*	,400	all	10 do.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	230

MISCELLANEOUS.

1,00*	2,5.0*	1500	16 p.ct.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,880
1,000	50	all	4 p.ct	Bombay Gas Company	60
600	1,000	all	80 p.c	Bombay Saw Mills Co.	795
500	500	300	36 p.c	Landing & Shipping Co. of Kurrachee, Ld.	220 xd
1,150	200	100	75 p.c.	Malabar Company, Ld	70
1,000	500	all	4 p.c	Mechanics' Build'g Co.	21
1,000	500	all	8 p.ct	Treacher & Co.	430
3,000	250	all	6 p.ct	Vicgar Patent Slip Co'	38

BANK OF BOMBAY.

STATEMENT of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay on the 30th September as compared with the statement issued on the 23rd September :—

LIABILITIES.	23rd Sept. Rs.	30th Sept. Rs.
Proprietors' Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund, invested in Government Securities	20,00,000	20,00,000
Government General Treasury Balance at Head Office	97,18,100	1,01,31,670
Do. do. do. at Branches	12,93,784	13,51,261
Other Deposits	1,39,26,448	1,29,45,995
Post Bills	48,438	50,785
Cash Credits, undrawn	5,48,126	5,17,449
	3,75,34,898	3,69,51,459

ASSETS.		
Government Securities	60,25,269	60,03,915
Cash Credits, on Security of Government Paper, Bullion, and Merchandise	14,85,343	14,90,993
Loans on Security of do. do.	18,28,998	17,20,782
Current Accounts, overdrawn	1,249	1,619
Bills Discounted	99,60,368	1,01,18,595
Stamps	4,016	4,128
Dead Stock ..... Rs. 5,16,744		
Amount applied in reduction ,, 1,55,000	3,61,744	3,61,744
Bullion	.....	4,31,888
Cash Balances with Correspondents	6,55,847	1,68,12,910
Cash and Currency Notes	1,72,12,076	
	3,75,34,893	3,69,51,459

CALCUTTA MONEY MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE 'ENGLISHMAN,' THURSDAY EVENING.

OF the ten days that have elapsed since our last report, only the three first have been working days, and the Durga Puja holidays are now running their course; nevertheless, a marked change has come over the money market and the course of exchange. The demand upon the Bank of Bengal, just before the holidays commenced, increased to such an extent that the minimum rate had to be advanced to 6 per cent. on Thursday last. During the previous week, the private deposits had run down 27 lakhs, the Loans and Credits had gone up 19 lakhs, and the Bills Discounted 17 lakhs, making a total increase of 65 lakhs in the public demand; the cash balances, however, declined only about 30 lakhs, the Government balances having been added to by 35 lakhs. Still, the proportion of cash to liabilities has declined to 53½ per cent.

As has almost uniformly proved to be the case, a cessation of imports of silver into India for any length of time, whatever the other circumstances of markets may be, does not fail in a short time to raise exchange and tighten money. Owing to the diversion to China of most of the silver sent out from England during the past few months, and the absorption of silver from Bombay by native States, in exchange for gold, it has been getting evident lately that fresh supplies, to a good extent, would be wanted here in the cold weather; and, taking that view of the situation, it may be considered fortunate that the German Government has begun again to ship part of its surplus stock to this country. At first, the news of such shipments had a depressing influence on exchange, but the strong revival that has since taken place shows that they were really wanted, the more so as the London price of silver has simultaneously advanced to 52½d. per oz.

The demand for Council Bills has also improved. On Wednesday week, the sole £350,000 was taken up at the higher rate of 1-7 7/32 drafts, and 1-7 13-16 telegraphic; and yesterday, again, a further strong advance ensued, a similar amount having been taken at 1-8 3 16.

The tea sales of last week went off with spirit at fully previous prices, and since then a demand for shellac has set in, and prices are rising considerably. Produce altogether is looking lively, but may be a little damped now by the upward movement in exchange.

The Government of India has published a resolution on the currency question, after consideration of the letter from the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, and of the Report of the select committee of the House of Commons bearing on the subject; and comes to the conclusion that, up to the present time, no sufficient ground exists for interfering with existing standard value of although it is most desirable that the standard of value in India should be the same as that in the chief countries with which she interchanges commodities. It also states that Government does not intend to discontinue borrowing as much money as can be judiciously expended on the construction of public works of a thoroughly established remunerative character, but that the money ought to be raised in the country itself, and not in Europe, there being grave objections to any present increase of the liabilities of India fixed in gold.

Whatever may be thought of this resolution, no doubt this definition of policy is more decided than anything set forth since the beginning of the crisis, and, as such, cannot fail to do great good.

EXCHANGE.

Sterling hardened again on last mail day, and document bills could not be sold under 1-8¾, at which business was done: also a small amount of Bank paper at 1-8. The next day, there was a relapse, on the strength of the German shipments of silver, and sales were made of six months' sight Bank Bills, forward delivery, at 1-7 7/8; credits, ready, at 1-8 and 1-7 15-16; documents at 1-8 3-16 and 1-8¼. On Thursday, renewed strength appeared, when it was seen that the demand for Council Bills still continued. Banks again offered 1 8, without finding buyers. Credits were let go at 1-8¼, and documents at 1-8¾. Since the holidays commenced, little attempt has been made to do business, but to-day rates look very strong, and a little document paper has been placed at 1-8¾. The Banks, however, will not as yet name selling rates, and the undernoted are merely the nominal equivalents of private paper :—

Bank Bills on demand	.....1s. 8¾d. to 1d.	Nominal
Do. 6 months' sight	...1s. 8¾d. to ¼d.	
Credits and clean private paper, 6 months' sight	.....1s. 8¾d.	
Document bills 6	,, ...1s. 8¾d.	Buyers.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

Activity continued quite up to close of business, and the market closed with a very favourable aspect. There is a strong expectation of a general improvement on resumption of business.

Government Securities, however, can scarcely be included in these remarks, though they are, perhaps, the turn decidedly. Four per cents. have changed hands to a small extent at between 1½ and 1⅝ per cent. premium, Four and a half at between 1½ to 1¾, Five and a half between 3¾ and 4 premium, there being a little demand for employment of money during the close period. Closing quotations were :—

4	per cents	101¾
4½	,,	101¾
5½	,,	104

Bank Shares are firm, with sales of Bengals at 705, and of Nationals at 116 to 116½.

Tea Shares continue to look well. Borkolas brought 1,05, Central Cachars 158, Hoolungoories 13, Holtas 114, Majagrams 123, Phœnix 88, Sooms 100 ex-dividend, with a good general demand prevailing.

Spinning Mill Shares are also strong. Howrahs have been taken at the further improved rates of 80 and 81, Bengal Jute 110, and Calcutta Jute 56 and 58, but Budge Budge have been sold at the lower price of 78, Bowreah Cotton brought 94 to 95, and finally 94½.

Miscellaneous Shares.—Press shares show a little revival, Calcutta Hydraulic bringing from 15 to 30, and Strand Bank 10. Landing and Shipping have been dealt in at 57, Merchants' Steam Tug at 245, Nauthpore Indigo at 15½ and 16.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. AKOLA, 315 tons, Captain T. M. Williams, sailed yesterday for Kattywar Coast and Kurrachee, with a general cargo, and two hundred and sixty-one deck passengers.

THE P. AND O. Co's s.s. BOKHARA, 2,932 tons, Captain G. H. Torback, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta (September 19th), with China mails, general cargo, and the following passengers :—Mr. G. Ellis, and four natives.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. EUPHRATES, 500 tons, Captain N. R. Sayers, arrived in harbour yesterday from Persian Gulf, via Kurrachee, with a general cargo, thirty-four horses and the following passengers :—Col. Goodfellow, and fifty-two deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. KHANDALLA, 1,318 tons, Captain G. W. Wicks, arrived in harbour yesterday from Coast and Calcutta, with a general cargo, and the following passengers :—Dr. and Mrs. Hanbert, Mrs. Lyon, Col. Clark, Mr. McPherson, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, and one hundred and eighty-six deck passengers.

ARRIVALS.

Oct.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From.
2	Euphrates (s).....	Sayers	Bussorah, Sept 14.
	Khundalla (s).....	Wicks	Calcutta, Sept 5.
	Bokhara (s).....	Torback	Calcutta, Sept 19.

DEPARTURES.

Oct.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
2	Veretia (s)	Babot.....	Aden and Suez.
	Akola (s).....	Williams	K Coast & Kurrachee.

The schooner Africa, to Zanzibar, was entered out for loading yesterday.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Sept.
28 Mahratta (s).....Reinson .....Rangoon, Sept 24.
Burmese (s).....Luck .....Japan, Sept 3.
Wallacetown .....Crawford .....Liverpool, June 5.

Sept. DEPARTURES.

28 British Commerce... ....
Broomhall ....
Epervier ....

DAILY IMPORTS—OCTOBER 2.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

European s—20 boxes tinned plates, Ameroodin Fazulally; 2,000 bundles hoop iron, Gaddum and Co; 100 cases brandy Merwanjee and Co.

Childwall Hall s—5 hogsheads port wine, Shapoorjee Rustomjee Sookia.

City of Baltimore s—1,000 bundles hoop iron, Hyderally Casumjee.

FROM LONDON.

Afton—62 boxes window glass and 5 boxes plain glass, Currimjee Trebhoy; 100 casks beer, Benn, Ashley and Co.

European s—50 cases school slates, Byramjee Shapoorjee; 9 casks glassware, Jaffer Rahimtoola; 97 bundles lamps, Hassum Allarakhia.

Renown s—10 cases brandy, C Bouneviale and Co.

Maree—5 cases provision and 5 cases currants, Burjorjee Coovrejee

FROM BORDEAUX.

Australia s—5 cases brandy, C Bouneviale and Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—OCTOBER 2.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Childwall Hall s—72 cwts coir yarn, Curumsee Khetsee; 72, cwts wheat, Ruzabally Allyruia; 1,600 cwts wheat, Finlay, Scott and Co; 23 bales wool, Dayabhoy Cullianjee; 55 bales wool, Hurridass Gangjee; 76 bales wool, Volkart Brothers; 25 bales wool, Corsey Khetsey; 40 bales wool, Sagurmull Surdarmull; 22 bales wool, Moolchanchand Khoobchund; 100 bales cotton, Killick Nixon and Co; 65 bales cotton, Hamkursan Ramputrap; 13 bales wool, Finlay, Scott and Co; 44 bales wool, Nundram Bheeraz; 52 bales cotton, Sewjee Samut; 21 bales wool, Alladinbhoy Dewjeebhoy; 4 bales wool, Sagurmull Surdarmull; 15 bales wool, W Nicol and Co; 110 bales wool, Goculdas Toolseedass; 120 cwts coir yarn, Mooljee Huridass; 60 bales hemp, Charundas Chutoorbhoor.

City of Baltimore s—10 cwts D horns, Allimamed Hasum; 43 bales wool, Khemchund Purmanund; 4,518 bags wheat, Stearns, Hobart and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Venetia s—5 cases shawls, Luckmidass Khemjee and Co; 10 chests opium, Owen and Okell; 2 boxes gold bars, The French Bank.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Assyria s—8,000 cwts wheat and 1,200 linseed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR SUEZ.

Venetia s—2 boxes silver coins and 5 packages silk, Hajee Zamal Abedeen.

FOR HONGKONG.

Lombardy s—150 baskets onions, Hasson Peerun; 14 cases sharkfins, Goolamhoosen Johnmamed; 10 bales twist, Ebram Noordin and Co; 15 bales twist, and 58 bales cotton, Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy; 322 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co; 188 chests opium, D Dawson; 461 chests opium, S E Sassoon; 38 chests opium, Framjee Hormusjee and Co; 14 chests opium, S N Talatee; 5 chests opium, Vasichund Joeta; 17 chests opium, Tarachund Lutchmanarun; 23 chests opium, Hajee Adam Esa all and Co; 24 chests opium, Hajee Abdoola Noor Mahamed; 5 chests opium, Futtahboy Amijiboy; 4 chests opium, Goolraj Singanee; 11 chests opium, Hurdeal Cadurmull; 37½ chests opium, Ebram Noordin and Co; 41 chests opium, Cursejee Bomonjee and Co; 15 chests opium, Dadabhoy Bullakhee; 81 chests opium, Roognath Jugnath; 41 chests opium, Curimbhoy Ebram; 2 boxes silver coins, Eram Noordin and Co; 361 chests opium, Tarachund Dulichund; 46 chests opium, Rahimbhoy Habilibhoy; 118 chests opium, Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy; 32 chests opium, Hurnarun Mannekram; 57 chests opium, Ratanchund Hurmookroy; 33 chests opium, Nursee Kessowjee and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Lombardy s—22½ chests opium, Tata and Co; 50 chests opium, Framjee Hormusjee and Co; 65 chests opium, Samarmull Bobhagmull; 14 chests opium, Budreedass Shrekeesen.

VESSELS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

FOR LONDON VIA CANAL.

1891 Hydaspes (s), Barrett—Mails, 23rd October.

FOR LIVERPOOL VIA CANAL.

1631 Childwall Hall (s), Putt—W. & A. Graham & Co.
1444 City of Baltimore (s), Collins—W. & A. Graham & Co.

FOR UNITED KINGDOM.

1208 Malpomene, Leach—Ralli Brothers.

FOR UNITED KINGDOM OR CONTINENT.

1237 King Cerdic, Austin—Wallace & Co.
996 Whitehall, Gooch—Wallace & Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

1726 Lombardy (s), Seaton—F. & O. Co.
1240 Taojore (s), Hall—F. & O. Co.

FOR GENOA.

1136 Assiria (s), Boselli—C. Grondona.

FOR CALCUTTA.

1061 Ben Nevis, Mackie—Volkart Brothers.
1063 City of Boston, Crowell—Farnham & Co.
618 Fathe Salem, Machon.
1329 Galloway, Fraser—W. & A. Graham & Co.
1229 Goa (s), Averon—I. S. N. Co.
1367 Pride of England, Nash.

FOR CALCUTTA AND ZANZIBAR.

475 Royal Diadem, Dennis.

FOR KURRACHEE.

550 Commilla (s), Sharp—B. I. S. N. Co.

FOR JEDDAH.

1417 Columbian (s), Alderton—F. & O. Co.
548 Mula (s), Deer—Essa Califa.
1089 Vixen (s), O'Keefe—W. & A. Graham & Co.

FOR TUTICORIN.

310 Futtay Sultan, Nacoda.

FOR DIAMOND ISLAND.

1316 Herman, Dillan.

FOR ZANZIBAR.

256 Africa, Rauchaupt—T. Topun.

FOR MAURITIUS.

392 Nenuphar, Souter—H. M. Seedick.

NOT FIXED.

849 Afton, Simple—H. F. Soares & Co.
2939 Holkar (s) Torkington—T. and O. Co.
1686 Cella (s). Holmes—Ewart, Latham & Co.
1900 European (s), Sibthorpe—Ritchie, Steuart & Co.
1369 Exporter, Brooks—Farnham & Co.
500 Euphrates (s), Sayers—B. I. S. N. Co.
2305 Glee Maiden, Cummings—M. Nusserwanjee.
1852 Goleondah (s), Anderson—P. & O. Co.
1318 Khandalla (s), Wicks—B. I. S. N. Co.
629 Merse, Robertson—Sir C. Forbes & Co.
1129 Orissa (s), Reeves—P. & O. Co.
918 Zerbino (s), Dewdney—W. Nicol & Co.

COUNTRY TRADERS.

1751 Algofar, Nacoda—(Put back.)
713 Countess of Elgin, Nacoda.
90 Emmet, Nacoda.
366 Pearl (s), Ashton.
101 Pehlwan (s), DeCosta.
88 Vestal, Nacoda.

ROYAL NAVY AND BOMBAY MARINE.

874 Abyssinia (s) 4, James—(Harbour Defence.)
1081 Daphne, (s) 6, Evans.
300 Hugh Rose (s) 3, Downing.
532 Kwangtung (s) 6, Campbell.
1107 Magdala (s) 4, James—(Harbour Defence.)
1596 Vestal (s), Hand.
Amberwitch (s), Siffe.

HIGH COURT.—3RD OCTOBER.

(Before the Honorable SIR. CHARLES SARGENT.)

LONG CAUSES.

390-76—Lynch and Tobin—Robert Preston Nixon and another vs Ebrahim Latif—Jefferson and Payne.
434-76—Lynch and Tobin—Mahomed Esmail vs Meer Goolam Baba Khan—Tyabjee and Sayani.
128-76—Lynch and Tobin—The L B and M Bank Limited vs Gomedram Behanlall—Tyabjee and Sayani.
419 75—In person—Govind Soonder vs Toolseedass Dhunjee and others—M R Khan.
586-75—Prescot and Winter—Ludwig Knoop and another vs Viram Vagjee.
590-75—Tyabjee and Sayani—Soondarjee Jetha vs Kasurabi widow and others—Crawford and Boery.
653-75—Manfuctnee—Khutezabai widow vs Hajee Wydena Hajee & J ferson.
193-76—Kinnisten, Hore and Langly—Govendass Bullakdass vs Purshotum Jootha—Tyabjee and Sayani.
222-76—Khunderao M—Narrotjee Bhimjee vs Huriba Withoba—Craigi Lynch and Owen.
29-76—N N Kothare—Harechund Morojee vs Shewshunker Morojee and anot er—Remington Hore and Langley.
261-76—In person—Amin Sahib alias Aminsha vs Abdool Rahiman Shaik &c.—In person.
319-76—Shapoorji and T—Premchal widow vs Adurjee Dadabhoy J. i. Cama.
290-76—M. H. Khan—Vilthul Bhoodar vs Dyal Bhoodar and others.

(Before the Honorable MR. JUSTICE BAYLEY.)

Summary Suit.

484-76—A Framjee—M A de Souza Bilsrimino vs Khutree Aba Hajee Jacob and another.
497-76—Prescot and Winter—Thomas Fisher Punnett vs Jamsetjee Bazejee and another.

In the matter of the Indian Trustees Act 1866 and in the matter of Compositio Deed of Dadabhoy Rustomjee Dewoorbai Petitioner—Macfarlane.

LONG CAUSES.

442-76—Jefferson and Payne—Cawasjee Fallonjee vs Dadabhoy Nusserwanjee—Lynch and Tobin and Remington, Hore and Langley.
281-74—Jefferson and Payne—Ralli Brothers vs Wallijee Canjee and others—Janardhun and Ghandhibhoy, Sand T, and M M Munsi—Part heard.

(Before the Honorable MR. JUSTICE GREEN.)

Summary Suit.

533-76—Hearn and Co.—Janoo Naga vs Nursoo Dhamajee.
302-74—In Person—Khoobs Masing vs Meyee Nooroodin T.
475-76—Lynch and Tobin—The L B and M Bank Ld vs Cruchnath Govindnath.
479-76—Lynch and Tobin—The L B and M Bank Ld vs Nowroji Cowasji Soorten.
483-76—Hearn and Cleveland—A G Latham and others vs Purshotum Tersey.
493-76—Mr Bicknell—Andhearoo Nowrojee Muncherjee vs Bawa Thakar bin Esmael and Co.
495-76—Prescot and Winter—Thucker Cooverjee Dewjee vs Thuker Govindjee—Nursey and others.
499-76—Mr Bicknell—Hajee Bhoja vs Nursoo Dhurmajee.

LONG CAUSE.

629-73—Balkrishna and B.—Haji Ally Mahomed Haji and Co. vs Bai Esmabai—Chalk and Turner.
427-75—Crawford and Boery—Ally Mahomed Haji and Co. vs Haji Cassum Joosub—Chalk Turner.
565-75—Rimington, Hore and Langley—Dhanjibhoy Bomonjee G. vs Navabai widow and other—Prescot and Winter.
418-75—S Pandoorung—Henry Gamble vs Pandrinath Ramchander and others—Tyabjee and Sayani.

(Before the Honourable MR. JUSTICE PINHEY.)

SHORT CAUSES.

192-76—Rimington Hore and Langley Jethanund Chellaram vs Ruttonsey Cullianji and another.
403-76—N N Kothare—Nagurally Sumsoodeen vs Russuljee Essajee—Remington Hore and Langley.
486-76—N N Kothare Nagurally Sumsoodeen vs Russoljee Essajee—Remington Hore and Langley
474-76—Skepsey—Golabbee Motiram and others vs Bai Jeevebai and others—Tyabji and Sayani.
486-76—M M Munshi Jetha Vukta and others vs Sha Cooverji Canjee.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—SEPTEMBER 29.

Byers, Col, Bengal Staff Corps, on leave, from Belleres.
Penn, Col, Bombay R A, on leave, from Poona.

SEPTEMBER 30.

Forbes, Major Genl, Bombay Staff, on leave, from Ahmedabad.

OCTOBER 1.

Mainwaring, Col, Madras Comt Dept, on leave, from Madras.

OCTOBER 2.

Steers, Capt, Bombay Unattched, on sick leave, from Poona.

DEPARTURES—OCTOBER 1ST.

Anderson, Captain, Madras R H A, from leave, to Bangalore.
Wright, Captain, Madras 45th Regiment, from leave, to Bangalore.
Yates, Lieut, Madras R H A, from leave, to Bangalore.
Tyden, Lieut, Madras R A, from leave, to Bangalore.
Holland, Lieut, Madras R A, from leave, to Bangalore.
Dalbiac, Lieut, Madras 45th Regt, from leave, to Bangalore.
Pearse, Lieut, Madras 45th Regt, from leave, to Bangalore.
Cunliffe, Lieut, Madras 45th Regt, from leave, to Bangalore.
Penn, Col, Bombay R A, on leave, to Ahmedabad.

OCTOBER 2.

Gordon, Capt, Madras 23rd Regt N I, from leave, to Bangalore
Grant, Major, Bombay Staff Corps, on leave, to England.
Levin, Lieut, Bengal 2-19th (P W O) Regt, on Medl Cert, to England.
Mainwaring, Col, Madras Comt Dept, on Medl Cert, to England.
Rose, Col, Bombay 1-2nd Gurkas, on leave, to Matheran.
Finch, Major, Bengal R H A, on duty, to England.

CENTRAL PROVINCES ORDERS.

(*Central Provinces' Gazette*, September 30.)

MR F E Coles, Offg Asst. Dist. Supdt of Police, reported his arrival at Nagpur, and assumed charge of the duties, on the 19th inst. before noon.

The following orders issued by Brgdr Genl M Walker, C B V C, Comd'r-in-Chief Bombay Forces, Kamptee, are confirmed :—

Directing Surgn H Allison, attached to the 22nd Regt N I, to assume Medical charge of the Lock Hospital, Kamptee.

Direction Surgn Maj B F Sheridan, 35th Regt N I, to assume Medical charge of the Lock Hospital, vice Surgn H Allison, attached to the 22nd Regt N I, relieved.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The Chief Comm'r is pleased to make the following promotions in the Engr Branch of the P W Dept, Central Provinces :—

Mr H Crawford, Temporary Asst Engr, 1st grade, attached to the Eastern Division, is confirmed in that grade, with effect from the 28th March 1876, to fill a vacancy.

1 Lt J C Addison, s. r, Asst Engr 2nd grade, attached to the Kanhan Division, to temporary Asst Engr, 1st grade, with effect from 1st Sept 1876, to fill a vacancy, the date he passed the Colloquial examination in Hindustani

Col A Francis, Ex Engr 1st grade, and Mr R J Thomson, temporary Ex Engr, 4th grade, made and reserved over charge, respectively, of the Eastern Division, on the forenoon of the 21st current.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES ORDERS.

(*North-Western Provinces Gazette*, September 30.)

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned Officers have been granted leave of absence :—

Mr J H Twigg, Offg Joint Mag, 1st grade, twenty-nine days privilege leave, with effect from the 23rd Sept, 1876.

Mr W R Barry, Offg Ast Comr, Jhánsi, ten days' leave, with effect from the 28th Sept, to enable him to attend the examination for high proficiency in Persian to be held at Calcutta on the 2nd Oct 1876.

Mr R H Clifford, Offg Dist and Sessions Judge, to revert to his substantive appointment of Asst Dist Supt of the Civil Leave Code.

Mr A H Barron, Ex Engr, 4th grade, Bulandshahr Dvn Ganges Canal, is granted two months' privilege leave of absence.

Mr E Douglas, Asstd Engr, 3rd grade, Kasganj Dvn, Lower Ganges Canal, is granted one month's privilege leave of absence.

Lt J T Badgley, R E, Asst Engr, Bulandshahr Divn, Ganges Canal, returned on the afternoon of the 31st Aug from the special leave granted him in Notification No. 1029 E. of 27th May, 1876.

Mr C T. Evans, Ex Engr, 4th grade, 2nd Dvr, Agra Canal, returned on the 10th instant from the privilege leave granted him in Notification No. C365E. of 24th July, 1876.

Mr. J. W. Inglis, Ex Engr, 2nd grade, Bhongaon Division, Lower Ganges Canal, is granted one month's privilege leave of absence with effect from the afternoon of the 8th inst.

Mr. M. Butler, Supervisor, 2nd grade, Narora Division, Lower Ganges Canal, is granted two months' privilege leave of absence.

Mr. J. H. Thornhill, Asst Engr, 1st grade, is appointed to officiate as Ex Engr, of the Bulandshahr Divn Ganges Canal, during the absence of Mr Barron, on privilege leave, or till further ord rs.

Mr W Good, Asst Engr, 1st grade, is appointed to officiate as Ex Engr, Bhongaon Div, Lower Ganges Canal, during the absence of Mr J W Inglis, on leave, or till further orders.

Mr. M. Butler, Supervisor, 2nd grade, re transferred to the Irrigation Branch in Building and Roads Branch Notification No 300 E-C, dated the 18th inst, is re-posted to the Narora Div, Lower Ganges Canal.

Lt R M Hyslop, R E, Asst Engr, 1st grade, and temporary Ex Engr, 4th grade, transferred to the Mily Works Branch in G O G G No 853, dated the 5th Aug, left the Northern Ganges Canal, on the 5th Sept.

Sergt S Rogers, Supervisor, 2nd grade, Eastern Jumna Canal, is transferred to the 3rd Circle of Irrigation Works, N W Provinces.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES, THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

MCRAE—September 29th, at Su-at, the wife of Captain J. G. McRae, Deputy Conservator of Forests, of a son.

DEATH.

FLEMMING—October 1st, at Akola, from teething, Otto, the infant son of Mrs. and Mr. C. Flemming, aged 10 months and 7 days.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BONNAUD—September 28th, at Calcutta, the wife of Alfred P. Bonnaud, of a daughter.

PYNE—September 23rd, at Neelgunge Factory, Purneah, the wife of C. S. Pyne, of a daughter.

REILY—September 23rd, at Calcutta, the wife of E. M. Reily, of a daughter.

MR. E. M. WALTON,
SURGEON DENTIST,
12, RAMPART ROW.

All MONEY ORDERS, CHEQUES, and other Remittance sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

The Bombay Gazette

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1876.

IF there is any one thing which more than another can be safely calculated to irritate the most pacific amongst us, it is the obstinate retention by the local Government of sites upon the Esplanade most eminently eligible for the purposes of public buildings which are other than the harbours of refuge for Government servants. The public of Bombay has been nauseated by the repeated publication in the English journals of this country—and we may add even in the London *Times*—of petitions begging, not praying, our local Government to place the much-abused European on the same footing as his more or less Aryan brother, and to grant a site for the European General Hospital. Much has hitherto been said, in strong language, with the view of persuading those who hold the reins of authority to grant this reasonable request; but, we regret to add, without success. The temporarily invalided European is still doomed to receive treatment of his maladies, or more frequently me

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE MAILS.

LONDON, 30TH SEPT.

The Bombay mails of the 8th instant, via Brindisi, were delivered in London to-day.

LONDON, 30TH SEPT. AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed dull. Surats dull.

The London Cotton Market has been very dull.

Fair Dhollera	4 7/16d.
Exchange on India	1s. 8 1/16d.
Oriental Bank Shares	£42.
Chartered do. do.	£16.
Chartered Mercantile Bank Shares	£26.
Hongkong and Shanghai	£29.
Total Coin in the Bank of France	£84,500,000.
" Notes in Circulation	£98,500,000.
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	84¾.
4½ per cent. do.	85.
5½ per cent. do.	86¼.
3 per cent. Consols for account	96¾.
5 per cent. French Rente, 1872	106½.
Bar Silver	52¼.
Arrivals.—Star of Germany and Europa.	

LINE REPORTS.—2ND OCTOBER.

Cable right to Fao. Turkish line right to Pera. Persian line right to London.

WEATHER REPORTS.—2ND OCTOBER.

(MADRAS TIME.)

CANANORE, 5-30 P.M.—Weather overcast, wind N. W. thermometer 82, barometer 29·80.

CARWAR, 5 P.M.—Weather fine, wind W. 4, thermometer 80, barometer 30.

MANGALORE, 10-20 A.M.—Weather fair, wind N.W., N. E.

TUTICORIN, 5 P.M.—Weather fair, wind N. W. E., thermometer 88, barometer 29·85.

VINGORLA, 5 P.M.—Weather clear, wind N. W. strong, thermometer 90.

THE district reports from Bengal to the 23rd of September show that more rain is still wanted for the rice on the high lands in many districts, and in others the crops will suffer by the too rapid fall of the rivers. There has been heavy rain in most parts of the Patna and Bhagalpur divisions, and prospects have improved in consequence.

THE P. and O. Co's s. s. Venetia, which sailed yesterday with the English mails, took out, in addition to the quantity already stated, two boxes gold bars, valued at Rs. 2,60,000, for London, despatched by the French Bank, and also two boxes silver coins, valued at Rs. 5,000, for Suez. The total shipped by this steamer amounts to Rs. 7,49,300.

THE Shanghai paper, of September 2, to hand yesterday by the arrival of the China mail, says that the scarcity of silver continues. Large sums were expected by the Meikong and Kashgar, but their cargoes were shroffed considerably *en route*. The former vessel landed little over a lakh; and demands at Singapore and Hongkong reduced the Kashgar's quota to nearly a similar amount.

A BANGALORE paper says that Sir Neville Chamberlain will not, much to his regret, find time to carry out his promised inspection of the troops in garrison at Bangalore. As the time of the Chief is otherwise fully taken up in preparing for his visit to Delhi in December, there will, it is rumoured, be no inspections at all next cold weather, beyond a hurried visit to Burma, on the return from the Imperial festivities.

Judy, one of the London comic papers, which has preserved its life for several years, relates the following "fact" :—"There was no preaching in Kansas town recently, and all in consequence of a practical joke perpetrated by a lively young girl, who, inspired by the world, the flesh, and a little of the devil mixed, sat down late on Saturday evening, and sent a note to all the pastors. Each contained these words: 'All is discovered—fly.' Every one of the four flew."

THE *Civil and Military Gazette* says that a certain battery of artillery is now on its way from England to India with 200 men short of even its peace complement. Neither money nor persuasion could get men to enlist as gunners. To make up the required strength, gunners of the A. Brigade, homeward bound, will probably be detained in India and transferred to the incomplete battery. Then possibly there will be a row exemplifying the perfection of our present system of recruiting.

THE *Madras Mail* announces the death, on Saturday morning, in Pursewalkum, of Mr. W. A. Nailer, who was sub-editor of the local *Athenæum*, until quite recently. His chief, Mr. P. H. Gordon, died in England in the early summer, and his successor in the sub-editorship, Mr. M. McD. Coleman, died a month ago. We were not personally acquainted with Mr. Nailer, adds the *Mail*, but juding the man by his work, he must have been an exceedingly zealous and patient assistant.

THE *Penang Gazette* of 16th September publishes the following news from Acheen :—"After an interval of several months during which the Dutch have been strengthening their positions in Acheen Besar, and devoting a considerable quantity of labour to improvements in the means of communication, they have again resumed offensive operations. Last week there was some severe fighting, the Dutch troops having attacked the Achinese in a north-easterly direction from Kotta Radja (headquarters), and after a stout resistance the Achinese were driven out of their positions."

THE *N. China Herald* of Sept. 2 states that the proprietors of the Eastern Extension Cable purpose running a special steamer between Penang and Moulmein (which is in telegraphic connection with Calcutta), until the cable is mended. These ports are about 2½ days distant from each other; so that a telegram reaching Penang about the time of departure of the steamer, and *vice versa*, would travel quicker than those which have been passing lately over the northern route. There is, we understand, a likelihood of the duplicate cable being laid between Madras and Singapore by the end of the year. Of the present cable being repaired, there seems no chance till the advent of the northerly monsoon and fine weather.

OUR readers, says the *N. China Herald*, will be surprised to hear that Sir Thomas Wade has advised that the working of the Woosung Railway be stopped. It is better perhaps to refrain from comment until we know more of the British Minister's motives; but the measure is viewed with extreme regret. Although the trains have ceased running, the works are to continue, and the line will be completed to Woosung in a few days. Sir Thomas at first expressed a wish that the works also should be suspended; but altered his mind immediately after the despatch of the letter, and sent off H. M. gunboat Mosquito with supplementary instructions. The Mosquito is said to have exhausted her coal and some little wood in the effort to make a quick passage against the monsoon. She left again within 24 hours for the north.

Charivari contains the following description by "Buck" of the Hon'ble E. C. Bayley, C.S.I., member of the Vicregal Executive Council, a member of one of the well-known old Indian families, with his father a director of the East India Company, Mr. Bayley came to this country with almost assured prospects of early success. Accordingly we find him, after not many years' experience, as an Assistant Magistrate from 1842 to 1847 in the North-Western Provinces, returning from furlough in 1849 to the appointment of Under-Secretary in the Foreign Department, Officiating as Deputy Commissioner of Kangra in 1851, and again going on furlough in 1854. In 1858 he was appointed Magistrate of Azimghar, and in 1859 he became Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces. In 1862 he became Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department, from whence he was translated in due course to the Council. Mr. Bayley is a good oriental scholar, and eminently religious and respectable.

FOUR Arab stallions have been received by the Burma Government, of which two have been presented to the King of Burma for use in the Shan States where the "Pegu pony" is bred, and one each to the Deputy Commissioners of the Thayet and Myanoung Districts. The *Rangoon Gazette* thinks this is a most desirable arrangement, for the ponies, which have been brought to the Rangoon and Moulmein markets within the last half dozen years, have sadly fallen off in size; and, as all residents can certify, are far inferior in almost every point to the ponies of twelve or fifteen years ago. The old and justly celebrated "Pegu ponies" had a little Arab blood, but there is little of it now left in the progeny. Arab stallions have been presented from time to time by traders to the King of Burma, previous to the British occupation of Pegu, and they were made over to the Shan Tsawbwas for use in their territories, the breeding ground of the Pegu pony, but no Arab blood has been imported into the Shan hills within the last twenty-five years, and hence the marked deterioration which has taken place in the breed.

THE *Rangoon Gazette* has received "further authentic intelligence regarding the insurrection at Momein, from which it appears that literally nothing has been done by the Chinese Imperial authorities towards the suppression of the rebellion, beyond posting a body of some 3,000 troops, under the command of General Tien, at a distance of about fifty miles to the eastward of Momein. The object of posting this force in this position was to protect the wealthy and important town of Young Chang from the attack of the rebels, to whom it would otherwise prove an easy prize, and of very material assistance, as its capture would not only supply the sinews of war, but also furnish an additional quota of restless and disaffected men to the rebel ranks. It is hard to say when this rebellion, which rose from a very insignificant cause, is likely to be put down. State movements are slow in China, and the latter requires at present all her forces to retrieve the disasters she has met with at Yacoob Khan's hands of late. It is not improbable that, before the Central Government takes any really energetic steps in the matter, this rebellion will have spread over the whole of Yunan and the adjoining provinces."

SUFFERING of a severe type is now felt by the villagers in the northern portion of the Chendragherry Taluk, North Arcot District. The *Madras Mail* publishes the following account of the state of affairs :—"The dry crops which constitute their chief support, such as raggy and cumboo, have perished, owing to the long-continued drought. The inhabitants of many villages are now living on the leaves of certain jungle plants, the hearts of aloe plants boiled, and congee made of pounded tamarind stones. Rain has fallen copiously in the last few days, just when it is too late, and the poor ryots are now so disheartened, that they utterly refuse to plough their lands for a late crop of cholum, millet, or waragu. There is even a difficulty in getting seed grain of any kind. In this portion of the North Arcot District, the prospects are extremely gloomly; but elsewhere, there have been copious falls of rain and the crops generally are in very fair condition. Relief works have been open in the Chenragherry Taluk extensively, as well as houses where congee is given daily to the very old and weak who cannot work. In some parts of the Palmanair Taluk, there was lately very nearly a water famine, and the grain merchants raised their rates so tremendously that the poorest of the people could not buy grain and suffering began to be felt; but the Collector at once opened relief works, and set to work, deepening all the wells, and a timely fall of rain has fortunately reassured the people, and prices have fallen slightly. Everything now depends on the coming north-east monsoon. If it is a bumper the District will do pretty well; but if it fails, as it did last year, there must, without doubt, be a famine in North Arcot."

THE following story from the *Madras Mail* reads very much like a story told some months ago of an occurrence in another part of the country at a well, as fatal as this one :—"A few weeks ago, at about 5 P. M., a man in the village of Senacooppum, in the Gudiathum Taluk of North Arcot, went down into a well to drink water. The well was only ten feet, or so, from the surface of the ground to the water, and there was only four-and-a-half feet of water at the bottom. The man was seen by another (who was working on a picottah not far off) to go down the well by the projecting stone-steps on the side walls. After a little time, a third man came, and asked for the first man, and was told by the man on the picottah that he had descended the well to drink water. On looking down he was not to be seen, and the last comer then descended the well as the first had done, and, standing on the, bottom step, felt about with his foot in the water, and soon found the other's body. He stopped down to lay hold of it, and was then seen to shiver and tremble, and then plunged into the water, and disappeared without a struggle. The man on the picottah raised an alarm, and the villagers came running to the spot and, extraordinary to say, eight men, one after the other, went down into the well by the steps, and one by one disappeared in the water. Then the Police were sent for, and the ten dead bodies were got out. They were all no doubt suffocated by mephitic air, but, in order to test it, the Collector of the District caused lighted wicks to be let down, but they burned brightly; and a dog was let down by a rope into the water but suffered no inconvenience. A panic has now fallen on the villagers who believe that the well is inhabited by a demon of a peculiarly evil description, and they carefully avoid going near it."

A FEW days ago we published a paragraph from the *Indian Public Opinion*, in which the following remarks occurred :—"We would draw the attention of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to the following—Surgeon Major Clapp died at the Aliabad Serai, in Rashmi whilst he was ill with cholera; three officers knew he was ill of cholera; they wrote a note for medical aid to Srinaggur; but left him to die alone and uncared for. Other officers came to the Serai and attended upon him. He died before the medical attendance written for to Srinaggur arrived." In a letter to the *Civil and Military Gazette*, Lieutenant C. B. Wickham, R. H. A., writing at Simla, 25th September, says :—"I wish to deny most emphatically the imputation hereby cast upon these officers, two of whom are personal friends of my own. I cannot do better than state the true facts of the case. These three officers *en route* for Cashmere were at Aliabad Serai, Surgeon Major Clapp also travelling in the same direction was brought in on a charpai and told them that he was attacked with cholera. They attended him for a whole day and sent an express into Srinaggur for medical aid. Late on that day I with a friend arrived at Aliabad Serai on our way out of Cashmere. In the morning I went down with one of these three officers to see Dr. Clapp. We found him free from cholera. These officers seeing him so much better apparently, and hourly expecting the doctor, determined to continue their journey, I having promised to remain with Dr. Clapp, until the arrival of the doctor. This was explained to Dr. Clapp who was perfectly satisfied. It was with reluctance that these officers left him; but seeing that he appeared better, and knowing that I would do all I could for him, they went on. I attended him during the day, and at night he died from the fever, that frequently follows an attack of cholera. The assertion that they 'left him to die alone, and uncared for' is absolutely untrue."

THE foolish young Parsee "H. W.," who is "not an Englishman, at least not by birth," has been allowed by the *Times of India* to publish another of his impertinent effusions about Englishmen in India. It is with very considerable reluctance that we extract the following extract from "H. W.'s" letter :—

Permit me, Sir, to give you an instance of how an English gentleman behaved himself at a party. When I was at Lucknow, I was asked to dinner by a colonel of the—on whom I had a letter of introduction. Amongst the guests (about six in all), was an officer of the regiment to which the colonel belonged. This young man was very gentlemanly in his manners, there was nothing of the "genus cad" about him. I was very pleased to see him, as I always am to see a genuine English gentleman. Now it appeared, that this poor fellow's weak point was that he was partial to Exshaw's famous beverage. By the time the dessert was brought in, the poor fellow was quite flushed in the face, and I must confess to feeling a little alarmed at the way in which he went in for "liquoring up." The colonel looked at me, and laughed in a mysterious sort of way, as if the sight was nothing new to him, whatever it might have been to me. But just as we were leaving the table, the poor fellow reeled, and sitting down again, *vomited right on the table*. The good-natured colonel was not prepared for *that*, at any rate; but what could he do! We gently helped the poor fellow into the colonel's tent close by, and all that the host said to me, was, "He is a good fellow; you would like him if you knew him a little better. He comes from a good Scotch family; and it is a pity he can't keep away from the bottle." If the *Gazette*, with his usual good taste, should doubt my story, I will give him the name of the colonel, though I refuse to give the name of the unfortunate officer. He may think and say what he likes, an incident did not happen on such a night at Lucknow.

We think the above sufficiently proves the fact that the Colonel alluded to was very indiscreet in the selection of his guests, and as a mess is a private institution he ought to be remonstrated with by his brother officers for introducing to their mess in Lucknow a young Parsee who was so little acquainted with the etiquette of messes, however much he may have been veneered with the shibboleth of English politeness, that he was prepared, when the opportunity offered, to make use of what he saw there in a letter to a newspaper. The private incident which "H. W." has described in print was obviously the result of an accident. We do not deny that it may have taken place. In fact, very probably it did take place, for few young English officers could be expected to stomach the company of guests of the species of "H. W." But we say that there are very important lessons to be drawn from the publication of the incident by "H. W." The most obvious is of course that he should never be permitted to enter a club or a mess again until he knows how to behave himself, and the next is that old Colonels with eccentric ideas about the equality of races should be particularly careful in indulging their tastes at the expense of their comrades. As for the young Scotch officer, who is pointed at by "H. W." in terms which cannot be mistaken in Lucknow, we think he would be excused by every right-thinking Englishman if he took an early opportunity of meeting "H. W.," and impressing upon him the fact that a facility in using shreds and patches from Macaulay does not absolve him from the responsibilities which usually attach to gentlemen who are introduced to English regimental messes. Obviously, "H. W." has about as much brains as courtesy, or, Parsee gentleman as he presumes to be, he would never have written the indiscreet letter which has now revealed his true character and his pretensions in their proper light.

ALLEGED PLAGIARISM IN BOMBAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—"P." in your issue of Saturday last, in writing anent the alleged plagiarism in Bombay, seeks to vindicate the character of his worthy friend Dr. Da Cunha, which has so very prominently been brought to the notice and criticism of the general public. He argues that in consequence of the *soi-disant* author's absence in Goa he is unable to "explain the matter satisfactorily and to put himself right in the eyes of the public." The worthy Doctor, for aught I know, may be absent in Timbuctoo or the Antipodes, but as I am perfectly aware that he is in receipt of both the existing Bombay dailies, it was time enough for him to refute the statements set forth by the Revd. Fr. Hauser, which appeared in your contemporary's issue of the 22nd ultimo, if he had at all any refutation to make. The Revd. Fr. Hauser has, however, I regret to see, *left for Europe* by yesterday's Italian mail steamer, and if Dr. Da Cunha has now really any justification to urge in his favour it will be well for him to do so on the Revd. Father's return to Bombay as the public would *then* only be too happy to hear both sides of the question and decide on it in an impartial light.—I am, &c. ANTI-PLAGIARISM.

Colaba, 2nd October.

** Our correspondent will observe that Dr. Da Cunha has replied to Dr. Hauser in yesterday's issue of our contemporary. It is of course to be regretted that the reply was not made before Father Hauser's departure for Europe.—ED. *B. G.*

II.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—It is wonderful to what lengths the irritable tempers of some people will carry them. We have a striking instance of the way in which a person, who styles himself a gentleman and who is presumed to possess sufficient education to know better, rushes into print with his head bursting, so it would seem, with the most infamously abusive epithets imaginable. I refer to Dr. Da Cunha's ignoble letter in your Church Gate Street contemporary's issue of to-day. Does Dr. Da Cunha imagine that abuse is the proper weapon with which to rebut a charge? Abuse, he is undoubtedly aware, is a low thing at all times, low enough certainly when it proceeds from the mouth of a ruffian, but ineffably low when it proceeds from the pen of a gentleman. There was no real or apparent necessity for the learned Doctor to make an onslaught on the Jesuits simply because one of the members of that body taxed him with a want of candour. The learned Doctor says in one part of his letter that he alluded to Fr. Hauser as an ornament to his society, and now he charges point blank at that very statement and describes him as a perjurer and a liar. Oh rare and learned Doctor!

NON-MEDICUS.

October 2.

ALLEGED USURPATION BY ENTERPRISING PARSEE CRICKETERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In your short account of what the new Parsee National Club proposes to do, I wish it had occurred to you to tell the members of it that they had unwarrantably taken possession of their neighbour's vineyard. You must be aware, Sir, that the Union Cricket Club has been in possession of the *disputed* ground for some seven or eight years, and it has regularly paid all the demands of the Esplanade Fee Fund; so that although it may have no chartered or legal right to this bit of land, nevertheless priority gives them a *leg* to stand on, whereas the other is without that natural support. This "National" Club had its modest little establishment in an obscure corner of the Esplanade; but as the rising generation of Parsees are not wont to do things in a quiet unpretending way, they pitch their tent on the most conspicuous part of the Esplanade and notify that Parsee "valours" will in a short time be exhibited to the general public, and the European one in particular. The Club is so far decidedly National. The Union Cricket Club has not been alone the occupier of this ground; a Parsee Club has always shared a portion of it with them; and as the members of this Club are an agreeable lot of young fellows, we get along amicably enough, but really the space is too limited for three Clubs. If the directors of the E. F. F. are bent on paralysing cricket and its consequent undisputed advantage on English youth, and at the same time fostering it among foreigners they could not, I assure them, go about that policy more effectively. There is no other part of the Esplanade that the U. C. Club could shift to, or it would. However, as the ground equally belongs to all Her Majesty's liege subjects, I don't put forward any claims, or say that we are *entitled* to anything. All I ask is, whether the authorities could not in justice to both parties compel the "National" party—the Parsee patriots, I mean—to pitch their tent opposite ours, instead of alongside of it. This would save much of our lady acquaintances as do us the honour of coming to our tent sometimes the pain of being stared at (and who can stare

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

THE petitions of the several persons hereunder named and described have been presented to the Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, Bombay, praying respectively for the benefit of the Act made and passed in the Eleventh Year of Victoria, Chapter XXI. :—

Devidas Ramdas, formerly a rice-broker, and now a Gujarati writer in the service of Hussein Miya Rahimtula.

Thakar Sivji Mulji, dealer in grain.

Lila Jina and his wife Manbai, sweepers.

Nathu Karsandas, a mehta in the service of Haji Tar Sale Mahomed.

Hariram V. liram, broker.

William Blake Johnston, formerly carried on business in Bombay and Secunderabad in partnership with Henry Derry, under the name, style, and firm of Johnston, Derry, and Company, as civil engineers and contractors, and latterly under his own name as a contractor.

Nathu Hemraj, Abdula Yakubji, and his wife Fatmabai, the first named insolvent is a cart-driver and the second and third unemployed.

Wiswanath Vitoji Talpade, clerk in the Municipality.

Amiha Jagjiven (*alias* Tribhowan), pearl-broker.

Karshedji Pestanji Kawasji, unemployed.

Sakaram Ganset, Govind Vitusett Sakaram Rogavset, ad Hargovun Nurotom, dealers in betel-nut and leaves.

Ramji Khanduji Sinde, lately a petty contractor, now unemployed.

Bha Gangadas Tulsidas, share-broker.

Kana Goverdhan and his wife Jethi Gokal, the first named insolvent is a washerman.

Nama Koohaba Irkar, grain dealer in the Crawford Market.

Shudarsandas Santukram, contractor of collecting rents of houses.

Adamali Akbarali and Hoseinali Adamali, trading under the name and firm of Adamali Akbarali as dealers in cutlery, &c.

Rastamji Byramji Mistri, formerly a hack shigramkeeper, now a buggy-driver in the service of Dinshaji Hormasji Bharucha.

Ramchandar Yeshwant Survay, manager in the Asiatic Printing Press.

Haji Karim Mahomed, contractor, and also carried on business as contractor in partnership with Kasam Nur Mahomed.

Mazekji Nasarwanji Dastur, Parsi priest.

Andrew Mudray, fitter in the G. I. P. Railway Company.

Edward Pearson, fitter in the G. I. P. Railway Company.

Borah Golam Hosein Abdul Husein, formerly a Gujarati writer, now unemployed.

Daisar Sarang, merchant.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.
BOMBAY, 1st October 1876.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected	32 deg. Fah 29 849
Temperature of the Air	81·4
Wet Bulb Thermometer	77·0
Dew Point	75·3
Relative humidity of Air	·826
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=8).	3·4
Maximum temperature of air (read at 6 p.m.)	85·7
Minimum do. do. (read at 9-30 a. m.)	76·2
General Direction of wind	...NNW, N, NNE, NE, NW, NNW
Movement of wind in 24 hours	258
Fall of Rain	0·03 inches.
Total fall during the month	4·71 "
" " year	50·04 "

INDIAN EXRACTS.

SOME REMARKS ON THE PRESS OF INDIA.

(*The Indian Spectator.*)

THE Press is an undoubted authority in India, and though its abuses are many, the good it has done has not been disproportionate.

Of all the journals in this country, the *Friend of India* stands perhaps the first, not only on account of its re-suscitation from literary death, but also on account of its varied experience. The *Friend of India* was at one time the best organ of the Viceroy. In this station it rendered important services to the Government. It would be tedious to show its gradual falling off from Government favour. At this day it is its bitterest opponent. From one extreme it has rushed into another. At any rate, the revival of the *Friend of India* is a marked event in the history of journalism. The character of its writings is bold yet pleasing; its earnestness can never be mistaken. Its satire, its sarcasm, when thoroughly roused, are simply inimitable. No visible ground is left to the adversary to fall back upon. The series of attacks on Lord Northbrook and Sir Richard Temple are the proofs of what we say. Lord Northbrook's Government more than once tried to secure the energies of Mr. Knight, the editor, for itself, but the attempt has ended in failure.

If the *Friend of India* is beginning to be, the *Pioneer* is, the most influential journal in India. Its connection with the Government has rendered it as well as the most unpopular thing of its class. Whether treating of the Berar question or the Fuller case its guiding policy is insincerity. The ability and the talents of its writers are prostituted to the basest ends, and to pandering to the prejudices of Anglo-Indian Society. It does not scruple when the interests of the Government are at stake to advance the most audacious charges against the highest persons out of authority.

Its connection with the Government is often serviceable to the public, for important news and resolutions come earlier and in far less time through it than *Pioneer* than they would take to come to us in the official garb.

The *Hindoo Patriot* is too important a journal to be left unmentioned. It is doubly interesting to us. In the first place it is an Anglo-native paper. It is conducted wholly conducted by the nat ves of Bengel. Its influence in the metropolis of India is undoubted. Perhaps no man is more popular with both Anglo-Indians and the natives of Bengel than the accomplished editor of the *Patriot*. The character of his writings is earnest, sincere, independent, and loyal. They differ from those of the native papers of this Presidency in several respects. The *Indu-Prakash* seldom sees anything to admire in the British policy in India. The *Patriot* is ever the first to point out its shortcomings as well as its defects. It has never attempted rabid or sensational writing. Even its criticism in the Fuller case seemed tame by the side of the disloyal and angry howls of the *Native Opinion* and the *Indu-Prakash*.

We shall only mention two more journals, both published in Bombay, the *Gazette* and the *Times*. Perhaps no publication has been more abused than the former. Its writings, its principles have been always more or less mistaken. We have always loved the *Gazette* for its sincerity, though it has often persisted in error, which it is not stupid enough not to see. If in its writings it has sometimes shown bitterness towards the natives, it has not failed to advocate their cause in times of real emergency. We need cite only one instance to illustrate our remark, the Mahomedan Riots. Its services to the Parsees on that occasion should never be forgotten. The character of its writings is strong, muscular, nervous. Its articles are ably written and are generally full of droll humour, wit, sarcasm, and other beauties innumerable. We are really grieved that the natives mistrust the *Gazette*, for we are sure no other journal is more good-natured, more frank, or more out-spoken. It seems to us that the natives cannot bear to see themselves criticised by a paper, which is itself touchy with regard to native criticism. But we are at a loss to understand how those, who shake their fists at the *Gazette*, can put up with the milk-and-water policy of the *Times*. That journal has from day to day published articles, the larger portion of which lack the candid fearlessness of the writings of the *Gazette*. It is always gratifying to see the natives treated honourably by English papers; but the natives ought first to see whether the good treatment they meet with proceeds from honesty of purpose or interested motives. The temperate policy of the *Times* can be no mystery to those who carefully read all it says or professes to say. The natives from this sort of advocacy are more losers than gainers. We write thus strongly, for we are convinced that strong writing alone can awaken the natives to the danger they incur from heedlessly subscribing to all the *Times of India* has to say.

BURMAN CIGARETTES.

(*Pioneer.*)

TRUTH they say is sometimes stranger than fiction; and the truth of the remark certainly seems to have been proved by the last Mandalay news. Most people, I fancy, but most notably his creditors, must have been rather pleasantly taken by surprise on hearing that the King of Burmah has of late actually taken to paying his debts, or at any rate, to speak more strictly to the letter, a portion of them. I don't know whether the old gentleman has been able to "evolve out of his inner consciousness" a new way to pay old debts; but the fact, a very substantial one, remains undeniable that money *has* been paid to several firms. As a *sequitur*, there has been a most decided improvement in his credit amongst the "Kalas" traders, or in other words, the foreign merchants. The King too, they say, "talks seriously" (that mysterious phrase which may mean so much or nothing at all) of the railway line to Mandalay, of the telegraph line to Bhamo, and certain other important public works of the same sort; but then, unluckily, he has "talked seriously" so long about these sorts of things, to tell the truth, I fear the last payments may turn out to be merely a cleverly thrown sop to Cerberus to keep him on his legs—that is to say, his financial legs.

While then comparatively great activity is being shown in Upper Burmah in the prosecution of public works, and while money there—again comparatively seems to be rather abundant, the very reverse is to be met with in our part of the world, namely, in British Burmah. Owing to the recent resolution of Government connected with the financial difficulties, public works have been to a great extent stopped, and consequently the engineering staff of the province are having, and will have for the next seven months a regular holiday of it. Those days of hard-upness, when the spirit of economy is so strongly abroad, I am astonished the Government does not put the whole staff on half-pay for the rest of the financial year, or indeed they might be "put out to grass" until again required.

The Irrawady Valley State Railway which, for the benefit of rustic readers in the North-West, I may tell you, is to run between Rangoon and Prome, bad before the rains some 40 mile s open for mat-ric, but no ballast having been laid, it cannot be worked in the rains. The number of openings allowed have proved not to be sufficient; I hear they are to be increased. The coming dry weather, or rather the working season, should see the line open through to Prome, and there should be no difficulty about this with the enormous staff this railway now possesses. On starting the work, the number of engineers allowed was niggardly enough, but now that it is nearing completion, the liberality on the part of the Government is positively quite heroic—a perfect *embarras de richesses*! There is some talk of the engineer-in-chief (Mr. Prince) going home early next spring, but it is more than probable that he will remain to see the line opened. This railway will, I think, prove a great success and a credit to Mr. Eden, through whose persistent advocacy the line was first sanctioned. People may doubt whether it will "raise towns" as in America; but as to the *Meeyabah* becoming a favourite form of locomotion with the Burman, there can be no doubt.

The Tongboo Railway survey field-work has been all completed, except certain flood observations which are now being made by the different members of the staff. The line is to be taken along what is at present called by *courtesy* the Tongboo Road, which for the greater portion skirts high ground catching the drainage; and the floods always troublesome in Burmah, are exceedingly capricious and troublesome along this road. The plans and estimates are now being made out in Rangoon, and the final scheme will probably be sent in to Government within the next few months. They could hardly be sent in at a more unlucky time, so far as any chance of undertaking the work is concerned. At any time, indeed, the project is not one likely to recommend itself, except solely on political grounds; and now-a-days railways are not made for political reasons. No sensible person could ever be found, I fancy, to put money into the the Tongboo railway as a money speculation; and its political *raison d' etre* would be very shadowy compared with the decidedly realistic cost of the undertaking. The proposed line runs almost entirely through forest and swamp, the scanty villages encountered consist of a few scattered huts, and what is still more against the line is the fact that the country is not one that can at any time be easily rendered cultivable.

Although we seem to have had moderately light rains this year (I say seem, because I have no figures to guide me), the floods all over the country have been astonishingly high; indeed, in many parts as high as last year, which was considered quite an exceptional one. As you know, the Mandalay bunds went some time ago, doing a great deal of damage to property; one of the heaviest sufferers being Dr. Marfels, an old servant and valued friend of the King, who has, I believe, adopted Burman customs and dress entirely. Since then the Irawady bunds near Ngadirajngoung, have been breached and, rumour says, to a damage of some twenty thousand rupees.

The Rangoon papers have been lately filled with the details of a divorce case, which judging from the minute reports given, furnishes very appetising food for the scandal-loving portion of our society. Indeed, locally considered, the case is a sort of Balham mystery, as far as the interest it excites goes, and would make glad the heart of the *D. T.* The case has occupied a long time in hearing; and some 20 years' correspondence, given *in extenso*, giving a very complete autobiography of the defendant, is not either very healthy or very edifying reading, it must be confessed. Probably, the case will find its way into the Indian papers before long, as the case is, considered from the divorce point of view, one of the most *interesting* on record for years, that is to say, it is very nasty.

The shoe question at Mandalay, over which great minds distress themselves sadly, and of which from time to time so much has been heard, seems not one bit nearer settlement than it was just after Sir Douglas Forsyth's mission; neither the King nor Colonel Duncan (the Resident) seem inclined to compromise. At one time, indeed, it did look as if the King were disposed to give way gracefully, but it would seem that he has thought better—or perhaps more correctly worse—of it since then. The ingenious contrivance (a screen of some sort) which he had constructed, by means of which the Resident's lower extremities were to be carefully hidden from the royal sight, lest favour and was abandoned at the eleventh hour. Fancy diplomacy reduced to discussing "shoes or no shoes; that is the question!"

The Burmah Commission has lost one of its ablest officers, the Rangoon municipality a capital president, and the town certainly its very best magistrate of late years, in the retirement of Mr. Lewis McIver, C. S., to the Madras side, on account of bad health. For some time past the work, as he did it, had proved too much even for a man with his well known *penchant* for, and aptitude in getting through work of all descriptions. He was a man eminently suited for the position he held; full of energy, quiet, self-reliant, he never was known to shirk responsibility; and this latter is no light praise. If ever a man followed *Punch's* advice—"If you want a thing done, do it yourself," Mr. McIver did; and there can be no question that whatever he put his hand to was done very well. He will be difficult to replace; and the next year's report on Rangoon will probably prove the truth of the above remarks. For the benefit of *charitably* minded readers, who may think I am performing a piece of barefaced puff cry, allow me to say that I was not in any way a personal friend of the gentleman in question.

It now seems to be more than probable that we are to have a bishopric for Burmah ere long. I suppose this in making the appointment it would be well to have in view some reason or other required one; but it is really rather hard to see the necessity, if one be permitted to look at matters clerical, by a dull matter-of-fact light considering there are only some half-dozen chaplaincies in the country. Most people want to know what the bishop is going to do when he arrives; and the stereotyped explanation of "Oh, if he wants to, &c., &c.," is really the only attempt, and a very faint one, at an explanation I have yet heard made. On second thoughts, however, perhaps he is going to look after the missionaries, in one word, to be a missionary to the missionaries, as Lawrence Oliphant once rashly proposed, and it would not be at all a bad idea. But then the missionaries are so plentiful and of all persuasions:—I fear they would take a deal of looking after; and I for one really would not envy his Lordship the mission. If the bishop is only to look after the missionaries, the whole thing reminds one of those imitation armies which used to be turned out by small German States, when General Count von Puffendorf proudly commanded his force of twenty-five men for His Serene Highness the Prince Milch-und-Butterbrod. A bishop without a respectable staff of chaplains seems almost as ludicrous as Von Puffendorf.

DEMOCRITUS JUNIOR.

EUROPEAN AND OTHER EXTRACTS.

THE AMERICAN COMMISSION ON THE CURRENCY.

(*Economist*)

THE last act of the Congress was to appoint a Commission to consider a report on the currency question in its various present bearings, that is—

"First, into the change which has taken place in the relative value of gold and silver; the causes thereof; whether permanent or otherwise; the effects thereof upon trade, commerce, finance, and productive interests of the country, and upon the standard of value in this and foreign countries;

Second, into the policy of the restoration of the double standard in this country, and, if restored, what the legal relation between the two coins, silver and gold, should be.

Third, into the policy, of continuing legal-tender notes, and their relation with the metallic standard, and the effects thereof upon the labour, industries, and wealth of the country; and,

Fourth, into the best means of providing for facilitating the resumption of specie payments.

And this Commission will, no doubt, be of use to European economists in collecting information as to many American matters connected with the currency, upon which it is now very difficult to find a trustworthy authority. The practical question of the relation between Gold and Silver will be determined in the United States, "half would have been more than the whole;" it would—at least, if we may judge at this distance—have been much better to have restricted the Commission to fewer points than to empower them, as has been practically done, to inquire into anything and everything as to American currency. In the heat of a Presidential contest, the Commission must be active-minded, indeed, if they can thoroughly work out all this.

The set of facts most wanting inquiry certainly is the new set—that relating to the change in the value of silver. The conditions of resumption—the mode in which a satisfactory paper currency should be maintained after resumption—are old matters, on which American witnesses can find no difficulty in obtaining information quite as good as this Commission will collect for them. But the present relative position of silver and gold is a perfectly new thing in the world, and America, as a principal producer of both, and as having to settle whether she will have a currency of both or either, ought certainly to investigate it as soon and as completely as possible.

The cardinal present novelty is that silver and gold are, in relation to one another, simply ordinary commodities. Until now they have not been so. A very great part of the world adhered to the bi-metallic system, which made both gold and silver legal tenders, and which established a fixed relation between them. In consequence, whenever the value of the two metals altered, these countries acted as equalising machines. They took the metal which fell; they sold the metal which rose; and thus the relative value of the two was kept at its old point. But now this ingenious mechanism is broken up. There is no great country now really acting on this system. The "Latin Union," it is true, adhere to the name, but they have abandoned the thing. As they do not allow silver to be coined except in limited quantities, they have no longer an equalising action; they no longer receive the depreciated, or part with the appreciated metal, and therefore, the two metals now exchange for one another, just as other commodities. The gold price of silver is now like the gold-price of tin—left practically, for the first time in history, without artificial regulations, and free from the manipulation of Governments. And it is into the consequences of this that the United States should now inquire, for they have nowhere been fully treated of.

The first effect is that to which M. Leon Say drew attention not long ago, in a speech of much ability—the *instability* of the value of the two metals. In former times he justly said, that the fluctuations in the relative value of the two metals were few and small, but now they are many and large. Particular causes, no doubt, aggravate that instability at this moment—especially the demonetisation of silver by Germany, and the supposed likelihood of great supplies from Nevada. But though the instability is aggravated by these causes, it is not created by them, and it will not cease with them. There is no inherent reason why the gold price of silver should be uniform any more than why the gold price of platinum should be the same. The old notion of extreme steadiness is one generated by the practice of Governments, and which has ceased when practice ceased, and will not revive till it revives.

The United States, therefore, which have a "money" to choose, must observe that they have three courses to choose from, and must see what are the consequences of each. First—they may choose the old bi-metallic, or double-standard plan But if they do, they must make up their mind to be always changing their coinage. The natural value of the two metals now being, as we see, fluctuating, a nation which takes both will be incessantly changing from one to the other—it will always be taking the worse and giving the better. The existence of such a country, or set of countries is an advantage to the world at large, because, as we have seen, it preserves a uniformity between the two metals, one or other of which all the civilised nations to count value. But the expense and inconvenience of a changing currency are great, and how far a nation would be wise to undergo them for the good of the world we are not sure. She herself obtains no advantage; she sells gold for silver, or silver for gold, and the brokers get their commission; but this is all. And to a great borrowing nation like America, it would always be an objection that she would pay in the worse coin at the time of payment, whatever it might be. At the present moment America would become a silver country, and the interest and principal on her obligations would be paid in silver. The evil, of course, would not be what the momentary circumstances of the market would now suggest. Silver would not be at 53d per oz if America was a country with a sole silver currency. So large a demand as her coin requirements would send the price up very rapidly—perhaps to its old amount. Still, as the debts of America are so large, the probable objection which a lender might make to the certainty of his having to accept the inferior mode of repayment is to her important; she would possibly have to borrow on terms somewhat less good. Secondly—The United States might take the single gold standard like ourselves; and this is what, till very lately, every English economist would have advised them to do. The evil of this plan had not then been seen, but its good was very apparent. That all great commercial nations should have the same metal for money is, *per se*, a gain. The objection is that there may be some difficulty in getting the gold for so many, very rapidly. The total production of gold, according to the estimate laid before the Silver Committee, for recent years is:—

	£
In 1873	17,509,000
1874	21,946,000
1875	19,880,000
1875	20,353,000
Total	79,748,000

or nearly 20,000,000l a-year. And this is not at all a large amount to provide for the yearly uses of the world.

	£
In the 18 years from 1858-75 the imports of gold into the United Kingdom were	331,179,000
Exports from	251,413,000
Total absorption in 18 years	79,766,000

or at the rate of 4,432,000l a-year, being more than 1-5th of the whole. So that if Germany, America, and perhaps the Latin Union, were all to take to a gold currency, there would certainly not be too much gold. Probably the money markets of the world would be straitened by their not being sufficient.

The third and last course open to the United States is to make silver their sole standard. A few weeks ago this would have been generally deemed to be beyond the limits of consideration; at that time there was a panic, and it was imagined that the price of silver was going to fall lower and lower till it became worth hardly anything. But experience has now shown, as theory always suggested, that there would be a demand for silver for the East consequent on its cheapness—that this demand would grow with its cheapness—and then an almost indefinite quantity, if supplied, would in time be taken off the market. As the supply here is small, the price has risen rapidly, though it has for a moment been checked again by the financial operations of the Council of India in drawing for their tribute. The extreme panic as to the price of silver has, therefore, passed away, and we are able to consider calmly whether it would be wise for the United States to take it for a standard of value or not.

If they did, it is certain that the price of silver would for the moment rise, because so very large an extra quantity would at once be required; and it is very possible that this price might not again fall. The final regulator of the price of silver is the cost at which it can be produced in the least fertile mine that can maintain itself in cultivation. At the present moment there are new mines as to whose extent there are very various accounts, which may supersede some of the worst of those at work, and so lessen the maximum cost of the produc ion of silver—the cost which fixes the price. But if so large a new demand for silver as that for supplying the United States with money were added to the existing demands very, possibly the extra fertility of these new mines might be exhausted before that demand was satisfied. These mines might come to be not so much better than the old mines as to throw any old mine out of work; and if so, the price of silver would remain what it formerly was. And if this happened, silver would be as good a standard of value as it has ever been.

There would, undoubtedly, be several difficulties in the adoption of a silver standard by the United States. First—Much of the interest of their debt is now payable in gold coin. This would not, however, cause much difficulty if the price of silver were to rise, as we have suggested, to something like the old level. The United States might then either continue to receive their customs' duties, as they now do, in gold only, and to pay their int rest with gold coin, or they might pay an equivalent in silver. The difficulty would be one of detail only, and might be met.

Secondly—What is more serious. The trade between the United States and the gold using countries would be liable to be disturbed by very fluctuations in the value of gold and silver. And we are not yet in a position to say what the amount of this inconvenience would be, because the changes in the relative values of the two will in future probably be greater and more frequent than they used to be. As we have explained the double standard nations used to equalise the price for the rest of the world, and now it seems probable that they will do so no longer. An element of uncertainty would thus be introduced into the largest international operations of the United States, which might be very important, and which it is difficult to estimate beforehand. But in all likelihood this uncertainty would not be so great as that caused by the inconvertible and ever-fluctuating greenbacks which the United States have now been so patiently for many years.

Thirdly—The United States will, by choosing silver for their money undoubtedly suffer by using the less convenient metal for large transactions instead of the more convenient. Silver is bulky for small cumbersome to count. But a good and secure system of paper money might easily be devised, which would reduce this disadvantage to minor proportions; though that system, like all system of paper money, is liable to the objection that it may be issued in excess. At present the United States has paper money substituted for a good. No nation which is engaged in first-rate commerce should selected a silver money, unless it believes that its circumstances, the character of its people, and the peculiarities of its Government enable it to manage a paper one.

The great reason for inquiring whether it would not be best for the United States to take silver as a money and not gold, is that it is much more likely to be done. It is always a great advantage to have a strong private interest concurring with, and enforcing a great national interest. And here the silver producers are anxious to sell their silver, and fearful that they may not be able to do so. Whereas, the gold producers—the other large class of their market, and are careless what happens. The fear is that the United States may go on for many years to come with inconvertible paper, as they have for many years past; the difficulties of resuming specie payments are very considerable, and when resumed it may not be kept to unless it is some one's interest that it should be so. But the silver producers are clearly strong in Congress, wish to get that silver substituted for greenbacks, and would be watchful to see that owing to keeping too small a reserve or other mismanagement, greenbacks did not come back again if they had once been got rid of. And these producers can put the argument in a way very attractive to American nationalism. They can say, "If you use silver you will raise its value not only here, but throughout the civilised world. You will support an interest which needs supporting, and you will hurt no one, but make America richer by so doing." And all nations, especially nations which govern themselves—are apt to be much moved by such reasoning.

We hope, therefore, that the American Commission will not be distracted by the old phases of the currency question, and that they will give their attention to the new points presented by the present new relation between gold and silver, and the respective advantage and disadvantage of the courses they have to choose from. There is not one of them which has not much of both, and in such case, only very deliberate study can show how to bring out the most good with the least evil.

THE EISTEDDFOD.

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EISTEDDFOD, though by no means a musical word, to non-Cambrian ears at least, yet seems to denote a most melodious and harmonious thing. The national Welsh gathering so called was held this week at Wrexham where it was opened on Tuesday according to "the rites and ceremonies of the bards of the Isles of Britain." Its proceedings, so far as reported, though they may not have been soul-stirring or particularly edifying, have evidently been both peaceful and pleasant. In this respect they present a marked contrast to what we have recently seen taking place at the nations meetings of the other chief branch of the Celtic family. The contrast, indeed, is of itself sufficient to settle the vexed question of the relation between the Cymric and the Gadhelic Celts. The facts that the tribe on the one side of the Channel have stuck to the harp as their national instrument, while their cousins on the other side have taken to handling short sticks and glasses that are not musical, is proof positive that the divergences of their ancestors from one another must have begun in very remote period. It is true that vocal music has held a prominent place in both cases; but here also there is a striking difference; and in as far as the object of bardism is concerned, the difference is in favour of Ireland. If, as critics tell us, the true aim of the national ballad be to fan the flame of patriotism and excite to deed of daring, rather than to soothe the pain must be given to bards of the O'Gorman type. The performances of the Welsh songsters are utter tameness in comparison, being but faint echoes of long-forgotten strains. In short the Welshmen are trying to make poetry while the Irishmen are attempting to make history, and it must be admitted that both are about equally unsuccessful.

The Eisteddfod, we are told, is a very ancient institution, though not perhaps so ancient as the Cymric tongue, which, having been used by our first parents in Eden, claims the honour of having been the language of the Fall. The institution has repeatedly been suppressed and revived again, its revival in recent times being due to the zeal of Welsh Archæological Societies, with names which we cannot trust ourselves to spell and are thankful that we have not to utter. The object of the meetings, as now conducted, is said to be the revival of Welsh national poetry in connection with bardism and an order of bards. The method of proceeding with this view is to hold a poetical competition, after the manner of the Isthmian Games, to award prizes and to confer degrees. Whether national poetry, assuming it to need revival, is likely to be revived by such means, admits of serious doubt. Poetry is not a product that can be obtained by any amount of forcing or fostering *ab extra*. National poetry is an efflorescence from the national life. If the life be in it the germ of poetry, the flow will be forthcoming; and if not, not. The Eisteddfod may produce a great crop of rhymers and poetesters; but it is impossible that it can ever produce a single poet. It is not by competitive examinations in versemaking that "the vision and the faculty divine" is quickened. It is equally absurd to talk of reviving bardism. It would be as rational to propose to revive alchemy or astrology, or trial by ordeal. The bard belongs essentially to a primitive age, and it is hardly possible even to conceive of him apart from the conditions under which he is naturally produced. When there were no regular histories, the bards were the historians of their age. When there was no newspaper press, the bards were the "abstract and brief chronicle of the time." When there were no schools, the bards were the teachers of the people. When there was no pulpit and no platform, the bards were the orators that stirred men's hearts, and moved their wills. They were useful as they were honoured in their day and generation. But to propose in these days to revive the order of bards in any but an artificial and fanciful sense, is as reasonable as it would be to revive the multiplication of books by the labour of monkish pens instead of by the printing press.

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